

## **FIREFIGHTER/OPERATOR**

(Competitive Class)

### **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS**

The class of Firefighter/Operator comprises entrance level positions in fire suppression. Employees of this class receive training for and perform firefighting and fire suppression tasks such as controlling and extinguishing fires, performing rescue work, and driving, operating, and maintaining fire department vehicles. While not on the fireground, Firefighter/Operators may also perform related duties such as dispatching functions, and records completion and maintenance. Employees of this class are supervised by the Fire Chief and this class ranks directly below that of Fire Chief.

### **EXAMPLES OF WORK**

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Trains for and performs firefighting and rescue tasks such as connecting, carrying, and operating hose lines; directing fire streams; forcible entry; ventilating buildings; and using ladders, lines, and other equipment to aid in fighting fires or removing fire and accident victims to safety. Responds to emergencies involving hazardous materials. Performs duties of acting officer at fire scene in his absence. Administers first aid and emergency care to victims of fire and accidents. Performs salvage tasks necessary to protect property, using covers, tarps, or other materials. Constructs catch-alls and chutes to trap and dispose of water. Locates and extinguishes hidden fires and hot spots. Removes debris and charred waste.

Drives fire apparatus to and from fire. Positions apparatus and connects to supply source. Operates pumper to supply adequate pressure to the nozzle. Calculates required water flow, friction loss, intake and discharge pressures necessary for fire suppression.

Informs officer in charge of suspected arson so that evidence may be preserved. Identifies origin of fire to determine fire cause.

Performs pre-fire planning tasks such as inspecting fire hydrants or drawing pre-planning maps.

Participates in assigned training drills. Plans for and delivers training presentations within the department. Reads and studies assigned material related to performance of work and takes proficiency tests.

Cleans, dries, inspects, and properly secures any assigned fire fighting equipment such as hoses, hand tools, portable breathing apparatus, ladders, or related equipment. Cleans fire vehicles. Performs periodic tests on apparatus and equipment as required, making minor repairs when needed.

Performs public relations duties such as calming excited citizens at a fire scene. Responds to complaints and provides information to the public concerning the work of the fire department. Conducts station tours and demonstrations. Gives lectures to various groups within the community.

Performs dispatching duties, and answers both emergency and non-emergency telephones. Completes departmental records reports as required.

Performs related duties as assigned.

#### **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements must be met before admission to the test.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States.

Must have a high school diploma or a valid certificate of equivalency issued by a state department of education.

Must be not less than eighteen (18) years of age.

Must possess a valid driver's license.

Prior to beginning work in this class, must obtain and maintain a valid Louisiana driver's license.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a medical examination prepared and administered by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.